

JCCC REDEVELOPMENT PUBLIC FORUM November 17, 1999

Rich Mays: On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce I would like to welcome you to our Public Forum to help decide the fate of the Jefferson City Correctional Center. My name is Rich Mays, City Administrator, City of Jefferson.

I mentioned the 4 organizations the county, city, state and chamber because those are the four organizations that are represented on two very important panels in regards to the old prison site.

The Prison Task Force in which I am one of the co-chairs is one of those the other co-chair is sitting to my left, his name is John Boehm and John is the Deputy Director of Office of Administration of the State of Missouri. The task force is made up 12 representatives from the State of Missouri and also 12 local representatives from the community. The other half of this body if you will is the oversight committee which is going to be supervising and overseeing the activities of the task force. Come shortly I want to stress to the audience tonight the importance of our mission, our two groups will be deciding the fate of 142 acres that is strategically located at a location just east of downtown Jefferson City. 142 acres whose potential is only limited by our creativity and our vision and I say we because it really needs all of us and all the community. The decisions that we will be discussing over the next year is serving decisions that will be impacting our community for generations to come.

During this process citizens are important to that's why we are here tonight, we want your input. We think the best plans can get planned to take advantage of maximum input and ideas from those who are affected and those are people of Jefferson City.

And again that is where you come this will be the first of many opportunities for our task force to solicit input on future of the old prison site. This input will take many forms we have input of course from the oversight committee, our task force, we will be getting input during this public form. All the input is really towards a series of Charettes. These Charettes are a series of brain storming sessions with professional Architects, Planners and Engineers working all together to develop a real estate master plan for the site.

The meetings we have today and will be having in the near future and this public form these are all really in preparation for these Charettes. Its during these meetings and thru sessions such as these that the task force can provide meaningful input to those planners, architects, etc that will best enable us to develop plans.

Let me go over a few of the ground rules for tonight input sessions. I have a list of names in front of me we will just call in the order they were signed, we have microphones in the aisles as you can see we have microphone at the podium and for those who don't like to get up and use the podium please feel free to use the microphone in the aisle. We ask that you do use a microphone this session is being taped. We also asking you to limit your remarks to 5 minutes. Although we are interested in comments and ideas this is isn't really set up for questions however we will entertain questions if you have any of those. At this point I would like to start

with Mike Forck and go over to Mark after that and I would like the task force and oversight committee to give your name, where you work and who you represent.

Mike Forck, Cole County Commission; Mark Allen, Office of Administration, Division of Facilities Management; Mark Towner, President Towner Communications, Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce; Earl Pabst, Department of Natural Resources; Jane Beetem, Department of Natural Resources; Carol Blaney, City of Jefferson; Booker Rucker, Department of Natural Resources; John Sheehan, Williams-Keepers; Jeanie Moore, Modern Litho, Chamber of Commerce; John Heymeyer; Sheriff, Citizens of Cole County; Marty Romitti, Department of Economic Development, David Roark, Department of Corrections, Special Group; Office of Administration; John Lockhill, Cole County Commission; Tom Rackers, City Government.

OK at this time before we open for input on the citizens I would like to call on Charlie Brzuchalski who is Project Manager for Office of Administration, Division of Design and Construction who will give a presentation on the history of the prison and give some comments about the site that I think will be an interest to everyone.

I am Charlie Brzuchalski, with the Division of Design and Construction, and as Rick says there is 142 acres in the site. A portion of it is open and wooded there is a portion that is field. We have some pictures around the room and a couple out in the lobby which you can take a look at and if you have questions holler at me after the meeting. The open and wooded area is this area right here. Surplus property is located in this parcel. This is the correctional center itself. Approximately 33 acres inside the wall, forty acres total that they utilize. Area you are looking at is front east toward west capital background. Correctional center right here. Age of some buildings this building built in 1868. Administration building built in 1905. This building was begun construction 1914 actually span a period of time was constructed was not all built at once. That is a very quick overview of what we have there that is available if you would like to talk about or hear about or would like to have ideas about.

Thank you Charlie. First one on the list like to hear now is Eric Peters.

Eric Peters: I am the county commissioner western district of Cole County and we are all ready amply represented with our presiding commissioner Bob Jones and Mike Ford. What I would like to do tonight is to make some comments as a private citizen and of course I can't separate myself as a commissioner but what I would like to do is quickly outline the use of inclusion of the performing arts center in your redevelopment plans. I have some testimony I will pass out to all as task force members. I would like to express the wishes of many people in Cole County that you all seriously consider a performing arts center be a parcel of your redevelopment plans. Many believe that this would be an ideal use of this site and I'm going to run through a couple of reasons. They are in no particular order of priority. I'm sure you all can think of others but I'm going to run through 6 very quickly.

1. One of the benefits of the performing arts center in your consideration is that it is not mutually exclusively of the other projects that you are going to hear about tonight and that are come across your desk in your meetings in the future. We all know some projects that work out you have to rule out one out mutually exclusive of another and I think as times progress performing arts center is not exclusive it can co-exist with other projects.
2. I've lived here for a number years others of you have lived here much longer know it has been publicly acknowledged many years that there is a need in Jefferson City in Cole

County in this part of mid Missouri for there to be a performing arts center, Richardson Auditorium and this is not to put anyone that works at Richardson or Lincoln University but it's a known fact that it's overworked, it's really too dated and too small for the larger out of town performances that could be brought to the Jefferson City area and right now those performances go to Columbia. I think there is a real market for an intermediate size performing arts center that's smaller than Jessie Auditorium in Columbia but larger and certainly state of the art compared to Richardson Hall.

Other benefits that provides as much needs and space for local performing arts organizations and prior to this evening's meeting many have expressed an interest in performing arts as you can imagine. The list is who's who at performing arts here in town and the Cantorium, Jefferson City Symphony, Act, Little Theater in quality number of individuals who are quite supportive and enthusiastic of the arts although they may not be actors or be part of these organizations on their year to year operations as you already know they are supportive of the arts influential individuals in Jefferson City and around.

The task force in your own management task force from your July 30, mentioned similar successful and unsuccessful redevelopment projects and I think again as time goes on that you will see that many projects across United States have had performing arts centers as the integral part of successful projects so I think if you do your research this is something that has happened across the country.

Possible partnership between the city, county and state and other areas as well in other projects and other States and it may not have been an old prison shut down but I think the concept runs the same city, county and some public political entity comes into possession of a large parcel with many opportunities so I think you'll find a performing arts in past.

I would like to part with the question "Why seriously should you all consider incorporating a performing arts center in your future planning?" and I am going to quote an Architect well known Phillip Johnson "A theater is a place where a community meets to be elevated".

I think you all have the opportunity to make this wonderful thing happen.

I also noticed there is another member of the oversight committee present Carl Vogel who is a State Representative is here and also Betty Jo DeLong who is hiding in the audience a member of the Prison Task Force.

John Landwehr City Council, City of Jefferson is present tonight.

Mike Heimericks: I am here as a citizen giving input tonight. I do work for Economic Development and I do represent involvement in some Tax Credit Programs and I'm going to share of insight that I have doing some of that may be of value to you in what you are considering. I'm not here tonight to advocate that one project or another will be considered what I'm here tonight to do is to encourage you to do a broad base community base planning as it relates to usage of this site. Again I'm not here suggesting that you just look at the acreage involved in this site but I would like for you to consider is being broader in scope utilizing the opportunity you have to vitalize the area in general. The area immediately surrounded this site as the higher concentration of distress within the city and county. Past experience indicates that you are going to try to encourage misused development to go into site whatever the nature

might be particularly on filing investments you will have to do some things to revitalize the neighborhood around the area. So I encourage you to think of those terms. From my perspective of being a resident of the City, I offer some opportunities to link some of the issues that should be considering the downtown development issues making on a broad base.

That's the basis of my comment tonight and I appreciate the opportunity to make those to you but again the larger the area that you can broaden your perspective getting additional input as you go along as you are doing tonight notice the impact and trying to your focus your partnering as you are working on right now will be a tremendous factor in your success of redeveloping this site but please don't limit your views to the acreage of the Prison Site.

Pat Goff: I am relatively new resident of Jefferson City. I thought this as a time to capture to find new uses for the prison site. My priorities would be first to retain the historic significant buildings. Finds uses for them that are compatible with some of the other things that are discussed.

Second would be to save substantial portions of the land for green space, public use, parks and recreations use. I say this undoubtably there are other interests but I believe the uses of this land for retaining the historic significant buildings and substantial green space would enhance some of these other uses we are talking about and definitely would be an asset to a neighborhood and revitalization of a neighborhood.

My personal experience, we came from Louisville, Kentucky. We spent substantial effort in reclaiming the waterfront that had been neglected for years matter of fact we let a highway be built along 7 miles of it. We spent 6 years reclaiming 50 acres of green space. You have a gift here lets use it and use it wisely.

Matt Connor: I'm here unofficially representing Brook Theater, The Little Theater of JC, MO. I currently sit on the board and was past president of the organization. I'm also life long resident of JC and have been involved with the Little Theater since late 1970. I would like to comment on some of Eric Peters' comments.

I do see a need for a type of city, state supported performing arts arena in JC contrary to some of the arts organizations who would like to bring larger acts to JC the Little Theater is particular interested might be a smaller situated along side that kind of space. They currently use of Richardson as Eric pointed out is overbooked and overused and not always the best all around utilization mainly because of the layout not particularly theater or auditorium.

I would like to see one of the sites as a theater building of sorts. Little theater is always glad to offer assistance in that type of planning. I think this would be idea for the down area since it so close to downtown JC. Current efforts in trying to return life this would be a nice way to inject some culture night life which does not exist at this point. I think it would enhance the current _____ In that area.

E. Rozier: When I came this evening I certainly did not intend to talk and I signed my name without knowing that's what it was for. When I sat and thought about it I decided to say a few words. I came to JC 1937 to work at the State Capitol and I had an apartment in Villa Vista which is just a block from the prison. I came in the spring and at night when I opened the windows I could hear the whistles. In those days they didn't have the electrical equipment on the towers and they started at one tower and whistled at one watchman and then the next and they went clear around the perimeter. Now that they have taken off the top of those beautiful

towers which were rounded at the top and had those houses up there that had the electrical equipment it isn't as attractive. I think that the wall is beautiful and I hope it won't be torn down that maybe there could be openings that could allow people to go in out of that area.

Bob Wilburs: Representing the fire service and other emergency agencies. I belong to the museum network and I collect artifacts and trucks for a number years and the last couple of years I have been looking for a site for a museum and educational center. I thought about building a building by scratch and that's out of the picture and I found out a few weeks ago that there was going to be a task force looking at the property over at the prison so I thought I'd check it out and the main garage right on State Street would make an excellent place for a museum and educational center. The top floor would house several fire apparatus and plus still have room for artifacts and other museum items. The basement is large enough for at least 50 man class room that would be open to other emergency agencies other than fire service. It would be an ideal location and enhance a lot of education for kids, grownups and agencies all over the state. Right now there are lot of firemen throughout the State trying to get a college degree and they were talking about some of the classrooms only handle around 25 people well this could be a place where they could have evening college class and handle 50 people.

Dick Groner: I have prepared a little illustrations that is not involved here at all but is an idea. For a long I wanted to deal with property West of Chestnut Street I want to talk about the land East of Chestnut Street. I have drawn a little view here basically on a hunter map. I have drawn a bunch of buildings about the size of the Jefferson building on Jefferson Street to give you an illustration my opinion the State ought to keep it for themselves they could expand their office space in that particular area over a longer period of time. I just drew some pictures on here as an illustration. You could put high rise complex buildings there campus type thing and there is a tremendous amount of Green space especially had marking on the ground landscape so on. It's a pretty durable thing. If you look at Modern places Microsoft, Ross Perot, Plano Texas they basically got a lot of people concentrated in certain areas and they actually have lots of space around here and I think this would be an ideal space for the State to reserve for themselves for future office type building. I didn't want to get to detail I just put some pictures there the size of the Jefferson building so you could see how much green space there is around there.

Jerry Rosslin: I just concerned I was just wondering what kind of ideas were floating around out there. There are lot of good ideas. Basically I just want to see the land put to good use. We have traded 100 good acres of Missouri bottom land and I'd just like to see this acreage go to good use where the realize something substantial instead of just giving bench that cost a million dollars.

Carrie Carroll: Carries Hallmark Shop I am the 3rd generation of my family to be downtown and very excited about the possibilities of redeveloping this site. I just want to say that I feel we can turn the current prison site into a place so unique that not only our citizens would be interested in going there but other people from throughout the state and tourist attractions would see it. I feel the site is large enough that we can do several things on this site. For example use it as a tourist attraction such as Alcatraz, the place people want to come and see, keep it historical there is so many historical buildings there that I think it is important to use some of those as possible museums so the school children would come and see. I would like to see the wall kept, it is very unique I even heard they use to call it the wall maybe we can call that whole site the wall and it would be a place people around the state would hear us and they would know what it means when you say the wall in JC.

I would also like to see fun and exciting done there. Possibilities are endless perhaps we could find land for a fish museum. Perhaps the Department of Conservation would like to have fish native to this area and have the River development tied into that. Perhaps MoDOT would like to use the tracks to have a dinner tour between here and Herman on the railroad tracks. Maybe we could think of something to do with the tracks they would be so close there.

Perhaps the MO water patrol could use the facility as a training site for their personnel along the River and other museums such as the firemen's museums as described tonight.

I would also like to see an exhibition hall built there perhaps we could do a 2 story structure and on the top do a performing art center and possibly do an exhibition large enough for major exhibit such as boats, travels, auto shows and the facility could be used as a recreation site and double as a convention or meeting facility for groups that can't be accommodated by our current hotel facilities.

I would also like to see public parks or an outdoor exercise area for pedestrian and bicyclist that could be developed featuring the water front. I feel we have current water, sewage, electric, gas and its close to the major highways in town for the locations is ideal for accommodating all of these things and I believe we should start making like a Capitol City and there is so much potential and I know I would go there just to see the beautiful view of the River.

Kit Freudenberg: I moved here with my family this spring from Boise, Idaho, and the reason I'm speaking I was at a recent event and had mentioned that I used to work at a prison museum and he suggested I come and say a few things.

Prison Museum cannot make it by themselves. They are interesting, get a lot of visitation during an execution but beyond that they can't make it by themselves. The old Territorial Prison, in Boise, Idaho was started as a prison museum 20 years ago. The reason they make is that on the site it's a trail in the foothills so lots of people hike in the foothills, bike there is also the botanical gardens there, there is a museum of transportation and also an electrical museum. Also on the site is the state historical society archives and storage. This site however is about 3 miles from downtown.

Within 8 blocks of downtown is a very large open space that slants toward the river. It has 2 very large parks. 1 is a structural park which has lots of sports fields, soccer, baseball etc. The other park is more of an unstructured recreation area. Boise has a river festival much like the river rendezvous that is here. Boise is a larger state capital population. The open space along the river attracts so many people both tourists and residence.

The other thing about this site that unique is the opportunity the city has to reconnect to the river. When I came here I was surprised that I couldn't get to the river from downtown without really working at it.

There is a beautiful view from the capital building but the best view is from the other side of the river where the Conservation is putting in an access. This 4th of July there was a wonderful downtown party, I enjoyed it very much, my family came we stayed and watched the fireworks and we also watched the balloons scratch the capital building. That balloon festival which is very popular in other areas could be bigger and really serve us here in town to attract people to our city for a day or weekend visit. It is just a wonderful thing to experience and it needs more space to be a safe thing. This is an incredible opportunity and I would urge you not to put this

on a prison museum cause it cannot make it by itself but incorporated or take parts of it and to use it to reuse those buildings.

Last week I was fortunate to attend American Rivers for Lewis and Clark discussing what the Capitol and Missouri River tour the celebration of year 2004 and a lots of towns talked what they are doing and how they are being developed to face the river and use the river for their town and this is a great opportunity and sincerely hope you the opportunity incorporate many of these things into it.

Bob Pretty: A few months ago it was suggested this be a great place for a convention center. That went know where. I hope that whatever happens this project doesn't dissolve like convention center did. I would hate to see them put it away the way the convention center has been misconstrued.

I think you should strike the word can't from your vocabulary when you start thinking about what goes into this area. I don't think any amount what you can think about or do the whole idea is that something can't be done needs to be forgotten. This is a great opportunity for our city 142 acres. I hope you think far beyond walls, this was touched upon by an earlier speaker, but if you don't look at what this project involves from Dunklin Street to the river from Jefferson Street to Park Avenue then you are short sighted. This has the opportunity to do so much for our city not just in that 140 some acres. For a huge part of our I think we need to look very firmly that all that is involved.

I am excited about the Charettes at Sedalia State Fair Ground tremendously exciting, a wonderful opportunities and I think this place for some expansion some wonderful ideas for these professionals. We do not have in Jefferson City and adequate state museum. The Capitol building museum is nice, has some displays that are nice. Highway patrol has a museum. But we really don't have a comprehensive really exciting state museum in our town.

There are facilities there that would make a fascinating hotel. Bed and breakfast, restaurant, sounds kind of weird but don't rule something like that out. Whatever you do, do not designate in any way as the site Jefferson City Correctional Center. That's a weasly phrase folks that's a penitentiary, it's a prison, lets call it what it is. I am so sick and tired of everything being called center I could throw up. That hospital bed heath centers. It's a prison not a correctional center. Its been a prison 150 years or more. So whatever we wind up with calling the sight finally lets not call it a center. Lets call it something else. But think far beyond the walls folks cause this has such an impact far beyond the walls in our city. Think has big as you can don't think

Jim Growney: I'm here representing my family. We live on Riverside Drive right across from the lower green space and I have a presentation. I have some slides and I'd like to put one on. We have only been there about 5 years. You have a lot of opportunities I would like to focus on the green space. There is a need for preservation. I am just talking about the area currently undeveloped.

I don't know how suitable that area is for redevelopment. I know the addition in that part of the neighborhood isn't really top mover development or great opportunity and I don't feel you need any more office space or mini-malls or housing developments right in that green space area. I see an opportunity to maximize our outdoor recreational opportunities. You have a great force a bumper zone there it counts buffs in that neighborhood to fuzz the sound of trains going by great green space and have a great opportunity River Side Park to be all

the way down to Lohmans Landing. My recommendations are going to be the Conservations in developing of a natural area, integrate Lohman outdoor recreation into that natural area with hiking trails things like that. I kind of took the liberty of drawing a map not as sophisticated as anything as I've seen here yet. Its just an idea. I saw it in the Sunday newspaper the articles were talking 3 and 4 ideas and I would like to see centrally something to preserve that green space. Having lived here for a number of years I have seen a lot of wild life over in those fields. My kids and I go over and watch the little red fox and things like that you see deer year around. Keeping that area the green space basically convinced that everyone a limited demand on conditional command on internal structure as this point collaboration between Conservation and DNR. I think keeping that green space viable would be using that and ideas

I think it's a good investment to leave it as a green space.

Sally Frane: Mr. Peters stressed Performing Arts Center and it is greatly needed in this community and I think he said it very distinctly. Not depend on Richardson Auditorium as much as we do. Have something that we have

Eric Peters: When you all leave here tonight the ideal for the performing arts center actually 142 acre sight many envisioned on the wooded acres that overlook the Missouri River because of the aesthetics there it gets away from the existing buildings and that sort of stuff. You have to have enough parking and you have the opportunity couple of different theaters under one roof. There is a lot of opportunities. Because of the last speaker I just wanted to address that point real quick that many envision the Performing Art Center is overlooking the Missouri River because of the aesthetics and if you will remember I of my remarks the performing arts center is not mutually exclusive and the gentleman's idea of having some protective natural areas can co-exist with the idea of putting in the center in that area. There is going to be room for walking trails. I don't see those as exclusive you have lot acres to work with so as other suggested I think many of those things mentioned tonight can co-exist with others.

Bill Akwood: There is a couple of things I want to emphasized the most points I had have already been made previously by various individuals but the River Front is very important I think we ought to take advantage of the view and access wise. Looking at the City masterplans recently and going back thru 1932 city masterplan you'll get a hold of a copy of that and look at it you are talking about very much of the same area made available for what they call the East Front Park Incorporating a lot of things we are talking this evening. Also on that plan was made mention a City recreation center that's been mentioned tonight that was re-emphasized in the City planning documents in the early 1950's. I hope that finding the point to have some of those things be realized have come true. Its important whatever is attractive to both citizens and well as out of town. Benefits for those historic ties to downtown and access to major highways or all worth consideration and what plans will develop. The Parks and Recreation Commission for a number of years had a long range goal civic community recreation center and I'm certain this site strong evaluation for purpose of this facility 100,000 + square feet. I think in all these ideas have presented offer great opportunities for the city for recreation and also

Dean Martin: I think a lot of the ideas I have heard are really good. I think its going to be important to preserve green space. There is a lot of good things been suggested but one thing I would not like to see though is 20 acre asphalt parking replacing some of that green space now. We have way to many of those. Some of the other ideas that come to mind tying in with the trail across with the River maybe having access to that area from the trail perhaps thru the parks and thru downtown or along the River Front area maybe tie that in with interesting Motel opportunities and lot of place youth hostiles are popular and I thing that might be a possible

opportunity for getting people in the city. We need to look at integrating and making a good plan that works that's tied in with the downtown area that good access to the river that emphasis the beauty and location that we have opposite the river and makes sure it all works and is a fun and exciting place for people to go and if it is people will come. It is a real exciting opportunity and hope we can make the best of that.

Mike Lyle: This property you want to turn in to several different things I don't know if its still property of the Correctional center but we spend a lot of money buying, fixing and making Correctional centers. I don't know what the possibilities are we already own 142 acres why we can't put it back to what it is what it has been. I'm not opposed to green spaces I'm not opposed to prisons or anything but we have a lot of money tied up in this real estate granted it has water, gas electric. We all put it there, we all paid for that we have it there now we went ahead and now we have a guy if I remember correctly we took away his family land to put a new prison there and abandoned the one we have sitting there and want to turn it in to a museum as we heard will not support itself but we don't know that it hasn't been investigated or whatever needs to be done to prove that. This is something that needs to be looked into whatever decision is made we have a lot of money tied up into that even as a correctional center even if we did nothing to it other put it back to it eventually unfortunately we are going to need more prison space. We already own this why do we have to throw away what we already have turn it into something its not we are going to spend a bunch of money to do something totally different. I know it cost a lot of money to put a new prison there and upgrade and I don't think that the prison that's there is above any sort of quality that you use for anything because the way it is made an Engineer would have to tell you what its possibilities are the way because the way it is and the condition it is in. The masonry block has a life everything has a life but even a wood structure concrete has a life and I think we need to look into it find out a way to be best used for the citizens for the long term for what we paid for, for what we already own. I think we would be going backwards to give it something else for where we already own it.

Cliff Olsen: St. Charles developed their own town, Chicago developed their waterfront, Washington D. C. developed the Potomac. We have an opportunity to develop 142 acres and File 38 said we need to incorporate psychology from developing 142 from putting it into a development of the city as a whole. Its in an area that so much lighted it looks good in the newspaper under police reports but few come from that area and I think prison draws some of that but I think business develop I think community in the area needs to be refurbished and I think it will be. There are beautiful homes thru there. I think that can be used for most everything that was said this evening from office campus with green space to hiking trails, to have performing arts. If you can imagine them puppies figure out how to pay for it. It is important that the develop the river front. That's how we got here, that's what brought capital to Jefferson City and I think that's what we need to protect and develop.

Shannon Cave: I live across the river at Wainwright and I've been enjoying very much the last year or so working with the State Lewis and Clark Commission and looking ahead to how that's coming out. It was in 1804 when they first sailed by this city, site on the way up river. As we go through the next decade it is pretty clear that there is going to be a fair amount of National attention focused on them and associated with them. One question that I think is fair to ask is Jefferson City a place that people will want to come to look for traces of Lewis and Clark in the city of Jefferson. A lot of is on the waterfronts and how we can do it. I've had the fortune in the last few months to visit a number of communities across the country. Portland Oregon, Vancouver, Washington; Bismarck, ND, Davenport, IA, Debrook, IA and most of the communities in MO and many have worked very hard to reclaim River fronts like ours that got separated from the community some how. The railroad went in, the highway went in,

industrial and the people couldn't see the river any more. A number of communities that are well along with that process of refinancing and I don't think any of them regret the efforts that have been made. Very much to the speakers this evening that have talked about looking at the big picture in the area not just this particular sight there is Doing in that sight. But I think JC has a great history and heritage. It can speak to a great heritage for the whole state of MO we have put this all together into something that combines these phase and culture things that raise and make the families that travel across interstate 70 or otherwise thru the state of MO see this as a place that they want to stop off and see what we have to offer facts come back. This site is a great gift the gentlemen from Louisville talked about how hard it is to find big space in many communities and that is certainly is true. Across the river doesn't actually integrate improved culture recreational and free institutions is the hardest city its very early on in other place and I encourage you to look at some of the bottles that other cities have tried and come up with what we can make this community to our heritage.

Norm Stucky: Just a few comments. I'm a river rat myself. I drawn to the river. Last summer when I was in Chattanooga, TN absolutely amazed at what they have done on the Tennessee River. The task force needs to consider to visit some of these cities some of these areas perhaps contact who some of the architectural firms are that develops some of these river fronts. Also improvements they have termed some very light according incredibly that are going literally to the thousands.

Activities that we have down across the river especially the access to the MO river here in JC. Just last week I stopped in to see how the property is going in the construction business. You can't believe the number of people down there just to view the property and to see what it looks like from the river front. I think there is a lot of excitement in JC about the river, a lot has been mentioned Lewis and Clark bicentennial also I think the river should be vocal point

Dick Shannon: I've been in town about 10 years. My wife and I operate a business on the East end of town its called Eastside Apartments. On the five years we have owned it we noticed that area is getting better all the time. Some people think that that area to live there are an awful lot of good people live over there. I would like to see that area become really big. I think we need to think of this in terms of stroke. Black and white movies and then come panavision. Cinemascope and this is definitely I-max. 20 years from now people are going to look back and see what we did here. There either going to like it or they are going to say we screwed it up.

Ginny Smith: I have lived in JC 25 years I see my

Don't want parking lots or hotels. Enjoy our outdoors.

Rick: I would like to thank everyone. I guess the question is where do we go from here. The task force will continue to meet throughout several months. We are looking forward to getting information we received tonight and some of the other things that we discussed in the Task force meetings getting ideas together coming to some sort of consensus. Which will be a very big challenge and presenting that information to those architects, planners and professionals that are going to conduct the Charettes and help us through the rest of the process.

We do expect to have another public hearing certainly not until our plans are more fully developed sometime after the Charettes probably before the final plans.

Again thank you all for attending.